



Colorado 4th District

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017

	2017
Number of farms	16,578
Land in farms (acres)	20,777,185
Average size of farm (acres)	1,253
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Total	(\$)
Market value of products sold	6,156,045,000
Government payments	178,446,000
Farm-related income	183,595,000
Total farm production expenses	5,562,849,000
Net cash farm income	955,236,000
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Per farm average	(\$)
Market value of products sold	371,338
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	25,540
Farm-related income	26,705
Total farm production expenses	335,556
Net cash farm income	57,621

82 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	25
Livestock, poultry, and products	75

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	44
Pastureland	54
Woodland	1
Other	1

Acres irrigated: 1,362,148

7% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	13
Reduced till	14
Intensive till	13
Cover crop	4

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	7,346	44
\$2,500 to \$4,999	1,091	7
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1,170	7
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1,414	9
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1,097	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,102	7
\$100,000 or more	3,358	20

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	1,729	10
10 to 49 acres	3,900	24
50 to 179 acres	3,457	21
180 to 499 acres	2,172	13
500 to 999 acres	1,477	9
1,000 + acres	3,843	23

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	CDs Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^b	CDs Producing Item
Total	6,156,045	1	7	11	431
Crops	1,510,181	1	7	33	431
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	1,119,140	1	7	26	381
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	68
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	108
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	66,153	2	7	57	418
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	3	7	318	416
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	123,628	1	7	25	425
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	4	6	(D)	326
Other crops and hay	200,861	1	7	13	395
Livestock, poultry, and products	4,645,865	1	7	5	422
Poultry and eggs	77,006	1	7	100	404
Cattle and calves	3,572,397	1	7	4	396
Milk from cows	629,902	1	5	17	312
Hogs and pigs	232,682	1	6	27	367
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	111,887	1	7	1	393
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	8,410	1	7	27	393
Aquaculture	1,798	4	4	87	328
Other animals and animal products	11,783	1	7	20	413

Total Producers ^c

29,214

Sex

Male 17,475
Female 11,739

Age

<35 2,613
35 – 64 17,276
65 and older 9,325

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native 162
Asian 156
Black or African American 41
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 39
White 28,576
More than one race 240

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin 1,191
With military service 3,034
New and beginning farmers 8,437

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **81**

Farm organically **(Z)**

Sell directly to consumers **6**

Hire farm labor **24**

Are family farms **95**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Wheat for grain, all 1,972,253
Corn for grain 1,265,267
Forage (hay/haylage), all 605,689
Sorghum for grain 341,722
Proso millet 282,640

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens 99,179
Cattle and calves 2,121,657
Goats 18,465
Hogs and pigs 720,581
Horses and ponies 30,246
Layers 3,641,753
Pullets (D)
Sheep and lambs 209,759
Turkeys 1,378

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

^a May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^b Among CDs whose rank can be displayed. ^c Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

^d Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^e Position below the line does not indicate rank.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.